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On February 1, the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee made the following cuts in existing Office of Public Instruction activities and chose not to fund critical new proposals supported in the Governor's budget requests.

New Proposals NOT funded, but approved in Governor's Budget (biennium):

Funding to Schools

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 Special Education Inflation 	Increase	\$ 3,845,990
 Adult Basic and Literacy Education 		500,000
 School Facility Increase 		<u>2,195,488</u>
•	Total	\$ 6,541,478
OPI Agency Funding:		
 6 Curriculum Specialists 		\$ 1,884,516
 Complete Tribal Histories 		475,000
 Network Update – OTO \$ 		160,000
-	Total	\$ 2,519,516

Existing OPI budget activities that were cut (biennium):

•	Indian Education for All	\$ 2,941,757
•	Student Achievement System	2,826,000
•	Gifted and Talented Staff	23,552
•	Personal Services Reduction	66,304
	Total	\$ 5.857.613

The cuts in existing OPI activities represent a <u>39% cut</u> in the current \$15.1 Million OPI state funded budget for the biennium.